

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. As such, claims 1, 4-7, and 9 remain pending in the present application.

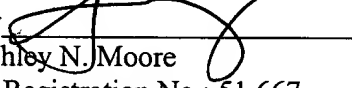
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephone interview conducted July 19, 2004. Pursuant to the telephone interview, Applicants hereby submit amended independent claim 1 revised to include "consisting essentially of" language. Applicants submit that amended claim 1 distinguishes over the cited art and request that the §103 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 4-7 and 9 are directly dependent from claim 1 and should distinguish over the cited art for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 4-7 and 9 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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